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Applicant: Walter GUMBRECHT et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1634  
Examiner: Robert Thomas Crow  
Title: METHOD FOR PERFORMING HIGH-THROUGHPUT ANALYSES AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THIS METHOD  
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B. ☐ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form PTO-1449 or on the copies of Form PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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D. ☐ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. ☒ Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

1. ☒ See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application: German Office Action dated June 11, 2003 in corresponding German Application No. 2002P06760DE; International Search Report dated November 18, 2003 in corresponding International Application No. PCT/DE03/02444; and Japanese Office Action dated May 16, 2008 in corresponding Japanese Application No. 2004-528402.
2. ☒ English abstracts are provided for: WO 02/073153; DE 3908123; DE 19952723; DE 10036175; DE 10233212; and JP 1201163
3. ☐ Other:

C. ☐ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

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A. ☐ The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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Respectfully submitted,

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☒ Document(s)  
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